
AUDITION REQUIREMENTS | 2025/2026



Saratoga Voices holds annual auditions for new singers in order to evaluate candidates' musicianship, vocal agility, range, and vocal quality. Auditions are led by Artistic Director Noah Palmer.

At auditions, candidates are asked to:

1. sing a prepared piece with piano accompaniment. The prepared piece is 'My Country 'tis of Thee,' which is included below in this document
2. sing vocal exercises
3. sight-read short exercises without accompaniment
4. sight-read a short piece with accompaniment

Candidates will be notified of their audition result by email.

America

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Samuel Francis Smith, lyrics

British National Anthem, tune

Piano

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and accessible, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols (F, C7, Bb) are placed above the staff to indicate harmonic accompaniment. The score is divided into four systems, with measure numbers 4, 8, and 11 marked at the beginning of their respective lines. The lyrics are: 'My coun - try, 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of the My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the Li - ber - ty Of thee I sing; Land where my no - ble free, Thy name I love; I love thy fa - thers died, Land of the pil - grims' pride, rocks and rills, Thy woods and tem - pled hills, From ev - 'ry moun - tain side Let Free - dom ring. My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.'

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